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SUBJECT: ROSTOW COMMENT ON CYPRUS SITUATION

1. EUGENE V. ROSTOW, CHAIRMAN OF ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION HOLDING ITS ANNUAL ASSEMBLY IN OTTAWA THIS WEEK, HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY FORWARD FOLLOWING MESSAGE TELEGRAPHICALLY FOR ATTENTION OF SECRETARY AND UNDER SECRETARY SISCO:

2. BEGIN QUOTE. AT LAST MOMENT, GREEK GOVERNMENT SENT RETIRED AMBASSADOR DELIVARIS TO A.T.A. ASSEMBLY HERE, IN RESPONSE TO NEWSPAPER STORIES OF TURKISH INTENTION TO AROUSE ALLIED SUPPORT FOR ITS CAUSE. INTENSIVE DISCUSSION HAS PRODUCED BASIS FOR AGREEMENT ON RESOLUTION, EXPECTED TO BE FINALIZED TOMORROW. RESOLUTION WILL AFFIRM OBLIGATIONS OF ALLIANCE SOLIDARITY; CONDEMN COUP; RECALL TREATY OF GUARANTY FOR CYPRUS; CONDEMN ATROCITIES AND MASSACRES; PERHAPS REGRET GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM INTEGRATED COMMAND; AND CALL FOR IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS TO ESTABLISH A NEW BASIS FOR CYPRIOT INDEPENDENCE, PERHAPS ON THE CANTONAL PRINCIPLE.

CONVERSATIONS WITH ABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TURKISH DELEGATION HERE REVEAL INTENSE CONCERN OF TURKISH DIPLOMATS, PROFESSORS AND MODERATE POLITICIANS THAT FURTHER

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TURKISH MILITARY ACTION SUPPORTED BY INFLAMED NATIONAL

FEELINGS COULD WELL OCCUR, PRODUCING TURKISH TAKEOVER
OF ENTIRE ISLAND, AND WAR WITH GREECE. THEY ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO IMMEDIATE REPEAT IMMEDIATE AMERICAN INITIA-
TIVE TO FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS BOTH AMONG CYPRIOTS AND
BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS, AND, CONCURRENTLY,
PROMPT AMERICAN PUBLIC STATEMENTS STRESSING THIS PERSPEC-
TIVE ON EVENTS. THEY FULLY SUPPORT POLICY OF MAKING THINGS
EASY FOR KARAMANLIS, BUT REMIND US THAT THEY HAVE PROBLEMS
TOO.

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EVALUATE THIS OPINION BETTER THAN
I CAN. E.V. ROSTOW. END QUOTE
JOHNSON

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